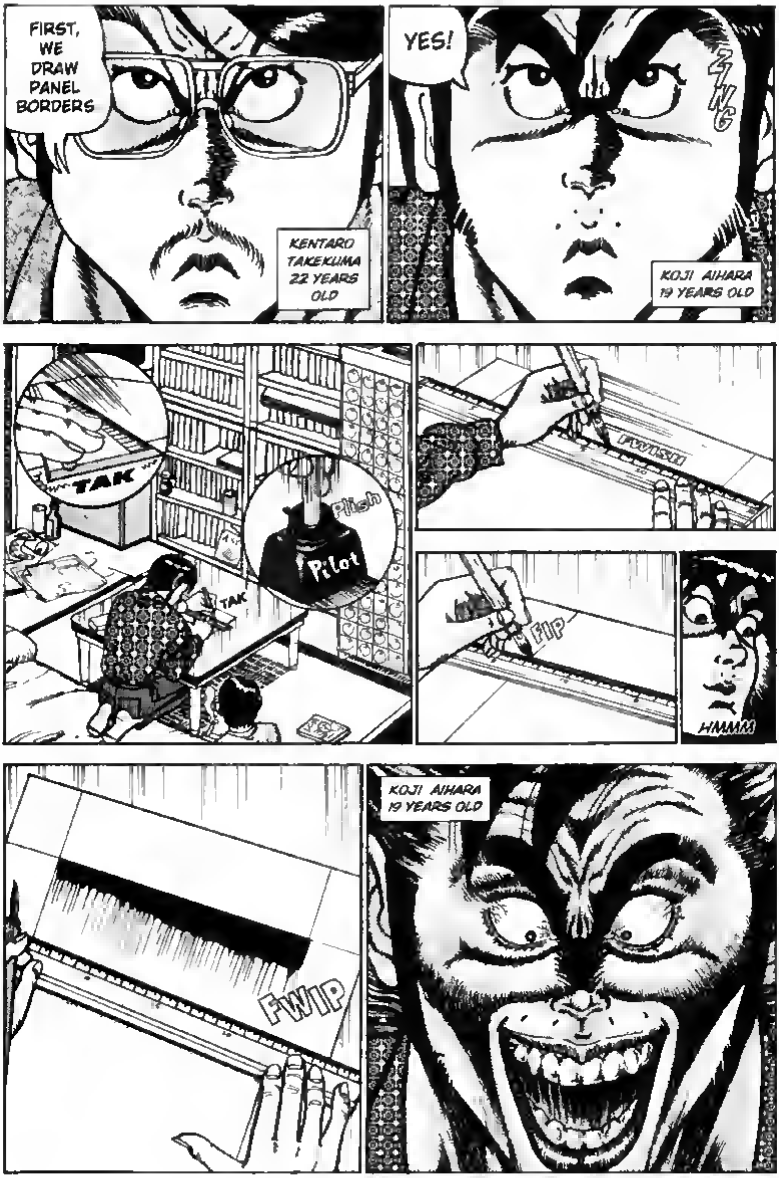
AND SO, FEELING SLIGHTLY APPREHENSIVE IN BEGINNING THIS SERIES...
WE'RE ANXIOUS TO GET YOUR FEEDBACK!
B-BY THE WAY, PROFESSOR TAKEKUMA...
WH-WHAT IS IT...?
I-I'VE BEEN FEELING KINDA ANTSY LATELY...
I HAVE TO SAY, I'VE BEEN FEELING UNCOM-FORTABLE TOO...
FWING
TUMP
L-LIKE SOME MIDDLE-AGED HOUSEWIFE'S READING MY "CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY GAG" IN FRONT OF ME..
OR LIKE, I HAD TO PRETEND NOTHING WAS WRONG TO MY VISITORS, WHO IN FACT HAD INTERRUPTED ME WHILE MASTURBATING
HM
PHIP

Lesson 2

DRAWING BORDER LINES

THAT'S IT!! BORDER LINES!! THAT'S WHY WE WERE FEELING SO ANXIOUS!!
YES. JUST AS HUMANS NEED BORDERS, SO DOES MANGA.
WE WILL SHOW YOU HOW TO DRAW BORDER LINES!


FIRST, WE DRAW PANEL BORDERS
KENTARO TAKEKUMA 22 YEARS OLD
YES!
KOJI AIHARA 19 YEARS OLD
TAK
Plish
Pilot
TAK
FIP
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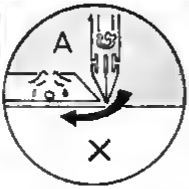
KOJI AIHARA 19 YEARS OLD

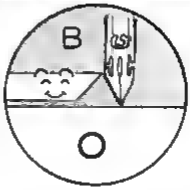
MANGA IN A NUTSHELL

Special Report #1:

The Horrible Truth of the Copillary Phenomenon!



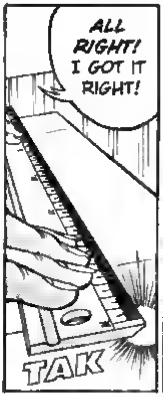
▲ Poor use of ruler: the ink seeps in-between the ruler and the paper.

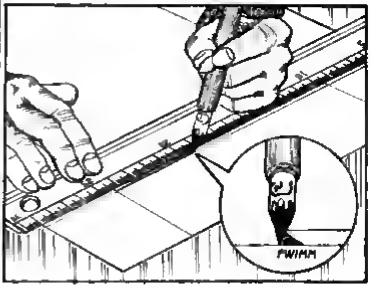


▲ Proper use of ruler: the ink does not seep through

Like cockroaches, liquids like ink have the miraculous ability to find their way into gaps. This is called the capillary phenomenon. Manga artists loathe it almost as much as they do phone calls from editors reminding them of their deadlines.

It mostly occurs as a result of the ruler being misused (see diagram A). By flipping the slanted side of the ruler down, you can avoid this mess.





AAAHHHH!!
TH-THE INK S-SEEPED UNDER THE EDGE AGAIN!!!
URR
URR
HOLD ON, AIHARA! CALM DOWN!!
I-I CAN'T MOVE...
URR
URR
WHEN THIS HAPPENS, DO THIS
HMPH!
FWISH
TISSUE
FWIP
FWIP
FWOOSH
AIHARA, MOVE YOUR PEN!
FWIP
FWOOSH

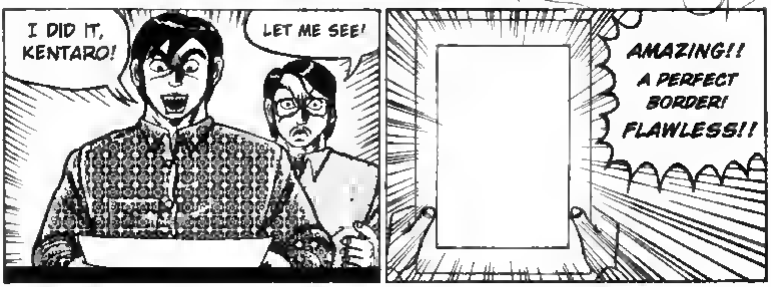
FOOP
KENTARO TAKEKUMA 22 YEARS OLD
UHH!!
WHAAAAAT!?
THE PAPER STRING IS SOAKING UP THE INK!!
HOW CAN IT BE!?!?
MANGA ADVICE
INK ATOMS
PAPER STRING
RULER
DIAGRAM A
PAPER
INK CLOT
The Perfect Solution for the Capillary Phenomenon
Now you can do it too!
No matter how careful you are with your ruler, too much ink on the pen tip or excessive pressure on your pen can create horrendous ink clots Don't panic Just use the capillary phenomenon to your advantage by soaking it back up with a tissue paper string (see diagram A)
Advanced artists can use a drinking straw (see diagram B)
JUICE STRAW
INK
RULER
LUNG
LUNG
DIAGRAM B

The Infinite Potential of BORDER LINES

Some of you beginners may wonder how thick the border line should be

Strictly speaking, there are no definite rules. For certain occasions, a unique border line might be useful, though (A) is an average-sized line, but (B) and (C) might be good, particularly if you're pressed for time to finish the story.

Other cute and pretty examples include the Bamboo Pattern (D), the picture frame (E), and the pubic hair pattern (real) (F)



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